

# WORD RECEIVED FROM GOV. FREAR

## MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

When the meeting of the Merchants' Association was called to order, after the reading of the minutes, President G. W. Smith told of the reason for the meeting. A letter from George B. McClellan, telling of the attempt to exchange the Mahuka site for the Irwin site was read and debate followed.

President Smith spoke of the meeting at the Young Hotel and read special cablegrams published in The Star.

Robert Catton said that he was in the minority and liked the Palace Square site. Messrs. Warren, White, Hertsche and several others favored the Mahuka site.

Mr. Wakefield said that he favored the Palace Square site but that it was not a question of site but of whether the public should allow itself to be overridden by Mr. Irwin, who seemed to be getting a very fine bargain out of the Federal government or the public. He said that under the present conditions he was changed to favor Mahuka site.

W. C. Peacock stated that the change was an absolute outrage, dishonesty. Mr. Barsch seconded this as a breach of faith and unfair to the merchants.

F. T. P. Waterhouse said that the public should protest against the secret methods which had been used.

The resolutions presented are as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Merchants' Association of Honolulu has learned with surprise that, without knowledge of the citizens of the Territory, a secret transfer of the site for the Federal Building has been attempted, and

"WHEREAS, The site for the proposed Federal Building, known as the 'Mahuka Site' was selected by, (1) the Commercial Bodies of the city of

Honolulu, (2) by the citizens in mass meeting assembled, and (3) by the mercantile community as a whole, as the site best suited for the convenience of the business interests of the city, and

"WHEREAS, The Mahuka site was acquired by the United States, by and through condemnation proceedings, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Federal Building, the people therefore having been given reason to believe that a final decision had been made, and

"Whereas, 'In order to further the wishes of the Federal government, the merchants of the city of Honolulu have subscribed and paid for the opening of a street through the property, in order to comply with Federal regulations regarding space around public buildings, and

"Whereas, The proposed change of location will result in inconvenience to the business interests of the city of Honolulu, and will place the Federal building at a distance from the business center of the city; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Merchants' Association of Honolulu hereby protests against the proposed change of location of the Federal building site, as one injurious to the business interests of the city;

"Resolved, That certified copies of these preambles and resolution be sent to the President, Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury and to our Delegate to Congress, the Hon. J. K. Kalaianalele;

"Resolved, That our Delegate to Congress be requested to use his utmost endeavors to prevent the proposed change of location."

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On the assembling of the Chamber of Commerce in special session at 2 o'clock this afternoon, routine business was dispensed with and the matter of the exchange of the Federal building site was taken up forthwith.

Joseph P. Cooke, vice president, was in the chair, others present being E. I. Spalding, T. J. King, E. C. Brown, Geo. P. Castle, T. H. Petrie, F. L. Waldron, E. A. Berndt, J. W. Waldron, A. W. T. Bottomley, G. P. Wilber, W. Lucas, F. J. Lowrey, J. A. Kennedy, Williams, Mannie Phillips, Norman Watkins, J. R. Galt, John A. McCandless, C. Bon, H. E. Cooper, F. C. Atherton, L. Tenney Peck, F. M. Swanzy, John Guild, A. Berg, R. Ivers, E. D. Tenney, A. A. Young, Bruce Cartwright, W. R. Castle, C. J. Hutchins, R. W. Shingle, W. A. Bowen, Secretary H. P. Wood, Geo. F. Davies, E. H. Wodehouse, J. M. Dowsett, Mr. Dohman of San Francisco, C. H. Cooke, A. J. Campbell, T. E. Wall, N. S. Sachs, W. L. Hopper, C. Bolte, A. N. Campbell, W. W. Hall, C. H. Atherton and R. F. Lange.

Mr. Cooke read from minutes of meetings in 1907 which did not indicate that the Chamber had as a body committed itself to the Mahuka site.

In answer to Mr. Peck it was shown that the large meeting held in the Alexander Young Hotel pavilion on March 13, 1907, was a general public and not a Chamber meeting.

Later Secretary Wood discovered, and the particulars were read from the minutes, that the Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held on July 17, 1907, decided by a vote of 24 to 4 to cable to Secretary Cortelyou its preference of the Mahuka site.

Judge Cooper was asked to make a statement regarding the exchange transaction in which he had figured. He said that on a previous visit to Washington he found that Assistant

Secretary Winthrop was very much disappointed with the selection of a Federal building site in Honolulu. Mr. Winthrop said that as it was to be a building for the accommodation of all the Federal offices in Honolulu, the Treasury department did not regard the Mahuka site as being suitable.

Mr. Cooper said he asked Mr. Winthrop if it would meet the approval of the department should the site at Palace Square be made available.

"Undoubtedly," Mr. Winthrop replied. The Federal Government would be very favorable to that site.

This was his first interview with Mr. Winthrop. He telegraphed to Mr. Irwin to come to Washington. Mr. Irwin was unable to come at that time. Mr. Cooper then asked Mr. Winthrop for an exchange of the Palace Square lot for the Mahuka site would be satisfactory. Mr. Winthrop replied that it would be satisfactory in every way, also that it would not interfere with the appropriation for the building.

Mr. Irwin telegraphed to do nothing until he arrived.

Secretary Garfield was seen later, who asked how he was getting along and expressed himself as pleased with the proposed exchange. It was in accordance with the policy in all cities to have the Federal building in the civic center.

Mr. Irwin arrived on a Saturday evening and met Mr. Winthrop on the Monday following.

The resolutions offered were referred to a special committee of five to report on Monday.

F. M. Swanzy, A. Gantley, J. M. Dowsett, J. A. Kennedy and F. J. Lowrey were appointed the committee.

Acting-Governor Mott-Smith will return from his trip to Kauai on Sunday morning.

## WANT THEIR MONEY BACK

The following letter is self-explanatory and shows the feeling among contributors to the fund for opening Bishop street:

Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov. 27, 1907.  
Henry Waterhouse Trust Company,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Gentlemen: Some time ago, after the citizens of Honolulu in public meeting assembled, at which was present a representative of the Federal government from Washington, had decided upon the Mahuka site as the best location for the proposed Federal building, we subscribed the sum of \$1,000 to assist in obtaining that site for this particular purpose. Upon your assurance that everything had been satisfactorily arranged to this end, we paid the above named sum. There was no condition made as to the time when the building should be erected, as that was necessarily left to the wisdom of Congress, but there was the definite understanding and agreement that the money subscribed by us, and others, was for the purpose of placing the land in question in the hands of the Federal government for the specific purpose mentioned. It now be-

ing reported that this property has been exchanged, subject to the approval of Congress, for a different site on which to erect the Federal building, we have to say, that in the event of its being definitely decided to place the said building elsewhere, or of the Mahuka site being used for any purpose, other than agreed upon, we shall hold you responsible for the return to us of the amount of \$1,000 paid you in trust for the carrying out of the agreement between us.

Yours very truly,  
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By F. J. Lowrey,  
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## A NEW PLAN TO AID AGRICULTURE

(Special Correspondence of The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 19.—(Special)—While the postal saving bank and the bank deposit guarantee plan have been discussed pro and con in the late campaign, the Government of Brazil has been preparing to try a new experiment in the form of an agricultural bank. Consul General G. E. Anderson, of Rio de Janeiro, in a late report to the State Department, gives the following outline features of a new agricultural bank which is to be established in Brazil for the relief of financial stress among agriculturalists and for developing plantations along modern lines.

The announcement of the regulations of the Banco Agricola (or agricultural bank), established by the federal government of Brazil, as provided for in a law passed by the Brazilian congress in November, 1907, indicates that this institution is likely to develop into one of the most notable features of national finance. These regulations, just promulgated, indicate that the institution rests upon a plan for aiding the agricultural interests of the country

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## GOVERNOR WAITING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION FROM HONOLULU

The Star this morning cabled to the Associated Press at San Francisco for an interview with Governor Frear regarding the Mahuka site. The Associated located Frear at once, and in a little over two hours the answer was here:

"Frear leaves for the East tonight. He says he is waiting the result of the meetings in Honolulu regarding the site. He says he is unaware of any developments in Washington tending to affect the administration's attitude favoring the exchange of sites.

"Governor Frear says he expects to learn the exact status of the matter on his arrival in Washington."

This seems to indicate that Frear is not committed on the proposition, and has not decided what attitude to take in Washington.

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The federal building site matter is the main topic in Honolulu today. Among business men indignation appears to run high over the strange actions at Washington, where a bargain made by the Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou has, according to report, been secretly repudiated by his successor without the interested parties being consulted. The attitude of leading citizens is well represented in the expression used this morning by L. T. Peck, cashier of the First National Bank and President of the Rapid Transit Company, in describing the reported action as an "affront" to the community. This afternoon both the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association are holding meetings to express emphatic disapproval of the secret deal. An interesting feature of the general public discussions is whether or not Governor Frear was a party to the deal. It is stated today that he was not aware of the proposition until after he started for Washington on his present trip, but on the other hand, H. E. Cooper, the attorney who negotiated the deal, thinks that Frear knew and approved of the programme. The Star prints herewith the correspondence by which the Mahuka site was acquired, showing conditions, which Secretary Cortelyou made, as part of the bargain, all of which conditions have been fulfilled by this community.  
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## THE BARGAIN UNCLE SAM MADE

Washington, April 2, 1907.

"The Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, Ltd., P. O. Box 346, Honolulu, T. H.

"Gentlemen: Your proposal of the 14th ultimo, addressed to Hon. H. A. Taylor, to sell to the United States for one hundred four thousand one hundred twenty-five (\$104,125) dollars the land hereinafter described, as the site for the Federal building to be erected in your city, under the authority contained in the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906, IS HEREBY ACCEPTED UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

"First. That within sixty days from this date and without expense to the United States you shall cause to be executed and delivered all requisite abstracts, official certifications, evidences of title and deeds of conveyance, necessary in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States to convey to the United States a satisfactory title to said land.

"Second. That within thirty days after written notice you shall cause all buildings and other improvements to be removed from said site and the land left clean, all without expense to the United States and to the satisfaction of the custodian of the site (to be hereafter appointed); and

"Third. That you shall furnish such evidence as the Attorney General may require that a street sixty feet in width has been opened along the entire southeasterly side of said site from King street to Merchant street, and that said new street has been legally dedicated to, and accepted by, the city of Honolulu as a public street and will be improved as are other public streets in said city.

"The Attorney General of the United States has today been requested to give

to the United States Attorney for the district in which Honolulu is situated such instructions as may be necessary to procure the conveyance of said land to the United States; and, when the required examination shall have been completed, to transmit the papers to this department with his opinion as to the validity of the title. When you have satisfactorily complied with the conditions of this acceptance and upon

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Judge De Bolt has entered a decree in the case of Kahalaunola U. Williams vs. W. R. Castle, dismissing the case on the ground that no right of dower exists. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court.

The place to have your typewriters and machines repaired is at Wall, Nichols Co., Ltd. Fort and Merchant streets. Telephone 10.

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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## FOR SEATTLE EXPOSITION

The Board of Education rooms were the scene of a meeting this morning at which Special Agent Loyd Childs, who has charge of the preparation of the Hawaiian exhibit at the coming Seattle exposition, met a number of the local teachers to talk over what could be done in the line of preparing for the educational display. The following were present: Miss Pope, Principal Horne, J. W. Gilmore, Levi Howland, Miss Boshier, Miss Marsh, Mr. Anderson, Inspectors King and Cox, and the following members of the Teachers Committee, Messrs. Wood, Davis, Baldwin, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Whitford and Miss Lawrence.

Superintendent Babbitt announced that the annual exhibits on the other islands of the Territory would be held during the Easter vacation and then immediately sent to this city, where they could be prepared for shipment to Seattle. Mr. Childs gave the outline upon which the exhibit will be carried out and then a general discussion followed, in which the teachers presented many suggestions in regard to a number of special matters which could assist in making the exhibit one of the greatest interest.

**BIG DEMAND.**  
The first shipment of the new crop of Tengu Japan Rice arrived a few days ago and is almost exhausted. Cables have been sent ordering large shipment which will arrive soon. K. Yamamoto, sole agent.

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## TAFT PAYS UP POLITICAL DEBTS

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK, November 27.—Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, has accepted the position of Postmaster General in the Taft Cabinet.

## DIPLOMAT RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 27.—The resignation of Minister Coolidge, the United States diplomatic representative in Nicaragua, has been presented to the Department of State.

HOT SPRINGS, November 27.—President-elect W. H. Taft in an interview here today expresses himself as favoring a revision of the tariff.

SEATTLE, November 27.—Huch McMahon, a wealthy resident of this city, has been murdered, after being robbed, by some unknown.

SEATTLE, November 27.—The steamship Northland is ashore on Vancouver Island.

LIMA, Peru, November 27.—A very heavy storm has swept the Coast in the vicinity of Callao.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 27.—In the trial of Abe Ruef today, Wilson, one of the boodling supervisors was placed in the witness stand. He has told of the relations maintained between the ex-boss and the Board of Supervisors.

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